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1. On Friday, 23 August 1946, Chaplain Lubczyk of Dresden had invited about ten representatives of the Catholic and Protestant youth groups to meet him at his home. Lubczyk himself was late in attending the meeting. The persons invited arrived at Lubczyk's home and were then arrested by the NKVD. Among the seven persons arrested were Rudolf Franzkowiak, the CDU youth organizer for Berlin; Romvikar Kenton from Bautzen, and the representative of the Protestant Youth, Schelzel. Two of those arrested were full-time, paid officials of the FDJ.
2. In this connection, an NKVD officer told Robert Bialek, the leader of the FDJ for the State of Saxony, that the NKVD knows the contents of all letters and conversations of the active members of the CDU and of the Catholic Youth Movement. They were also well-informed on the secret activities of some of these youths in the interest of the American occupying authorities. Part of this information according to him, had come from the Americans themselves.
3. [REDACTED] learned from another source of uncertain reliability that the Russians are planning a future general attack on the churches and on the Catholic and Protestant youth movements. [REDACTED] the lists of the persons to be arrested, both in the Russian Zone and in the Russian Sector of Berlin, have already been prepared.
4. Gertrud Schmidt, in charge of Cultural Affairs in the FDJ Office for the State of Saxony, Dresden, N-6, Bautzenerstr. 25, a woman in the late thirties, has become, allegedly under pressure, an NKVD agent.
5. The Freizeiten (religious conventions) for the Protestant Youth in the State of Saxony, which recently had been prohibited by the SMA, have now been authorized again, but only under the supervision of the FDJ Liaison Office for Church Affairs, which has to report on those activities to both the FDJ and the SMA.
6. Throughout Thuringia the FDJ is losing members. In the county of Langensalza alone, 248 members have resigned. The alleged reason for these mass resignations is the discontent of many youths with the fact that the FDJ, which promised to be non-partisan, has become an overt tool of the SED.
7. The full time workers in the provincial direction of the FDJ in Weimar have been organized into Betriebsgruppe of the SED. Applications for the admission of students will receive a favorable treatment in FDJ headquarters, Weimar, only

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when the official in charge marks them "1st Genosse" (a party comrade).

8. Thuringia has received groups of children from the Ruhr area for vacations. These children were fed with milk, honey, eggs, although the local children have not seen these things for allong time.
9. A youth official of the SED in Weimar stated: "If these people want it, we will turn the churches into movie houses". At a conference of the county organizers (Kreisleitertagung) of the FDJ in Weimar, it was stated officially that the activists of the FDJ today must become the activists of the SED tomorrow.
10. Woytescek (the Catholic youth activist, who had exposed Bialek at the FDJ convention in Brandenburg because of his anti-church attacks) has been expelled from the FDJ because of his attack against agrarian reform and school reform and because of a remark that the newspapers today are lying just as much as they did under the Nazis. Moreover, the FDJ asked the Provincial Federation of the CDU to expel Wohier as well.
11. Bialek advised FDJ officials never to ask in public for the abolition of zone boundaries because this would mean great harm to their cause.

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